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The Haunted Nunnery: Dominique's Story

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I had almost forgotten the horrors that were found under the walls, surrounding this nunnery - and the woman in black that tried to hide them...
This is where Dominique's story began. Before what she did to Morgan...
...before she became one of them.
Come now, Dominique, push.
I... can't!
Pray for strength, dear. Now push.
UNWAA

I want to see it.
I want to kiss it goodbye.
No, dear, his family is waiting downstairs. It's better this way.
UHH..
... ...
I want to see my baby!
No, darling. You rest.
Your son will be happy with his new family.
HALL

Why can't I hold my baby?
Sleep, child. Rest.
You will feel better when you wake up.
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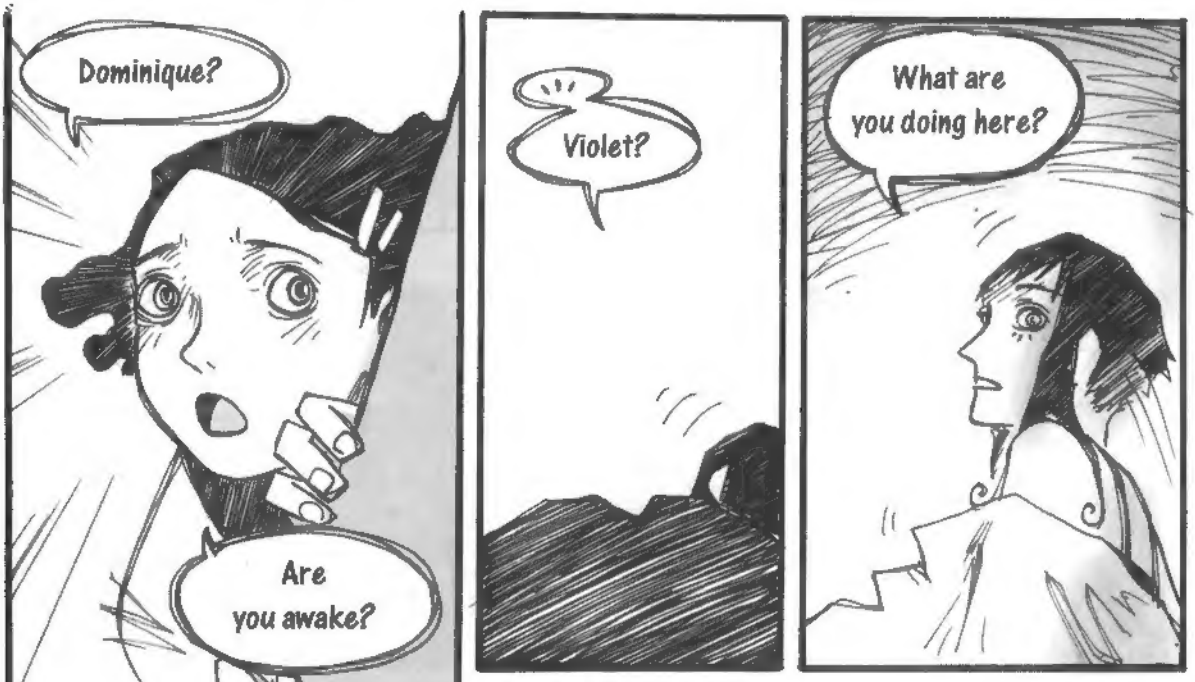
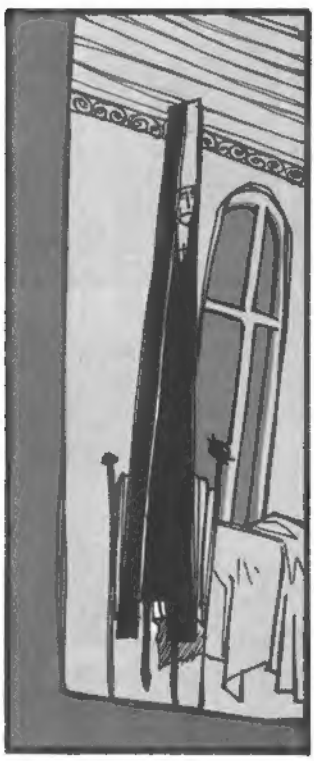

Dominique?
Are you awake?
Violet?
What are you doing here?

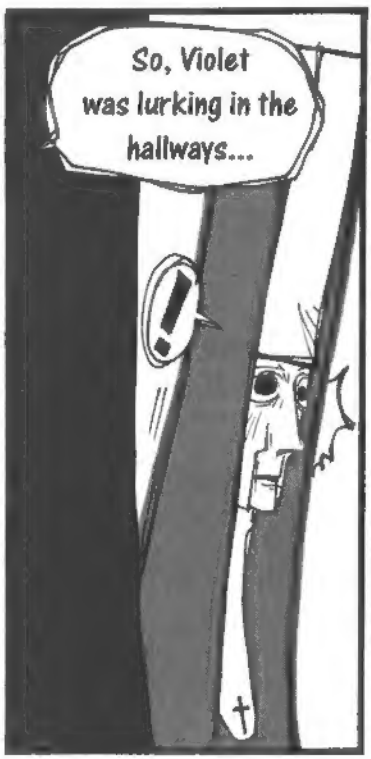
I wanted to see if you were okay. I was worried.
Oh, thank you. That's very sweet.
I heard you screaming. Did they hurt you?
No, Violet.
I am just tired. I have to sleep.
... ...
Go back to your room! You'll get into trouble if they find you here.
Dominique...
They didn't take it downstairs. They took it to the attic.
...I was hiding in the hall when they took your baby.
Now, why would they do that?
I don't know!
But, don't you think that's strange? What's up in the attic, anyway?
Maybe it's a nursery.
I don't know.
Look, Violet. I'm really sleepy.
Dominique, I'm frightened. I don't want them to have my baby.
I keep having nightmares about it. I think there is something evil in the attic.
You really think so?

Violet!
What on earth are you doing out of bed at this hour?
!!
I wanted to check on Dominique, that's all.
I'm sorry, Sister.
Please...
...go back to your room, Violet, and let Dominique rest.
Sister Mary?
Yes, dear?
What's in the attic?
Pardon me?
The attic? Why did Sister Le Laurie take my baby to the attic?
RUB.
She didn't, dear. She took him downstairs to meet his new family.
Now, where did you hear a thing like that?
Violet... She told me.
Sister, I am so sleepy. I don't want my baby to be all alone in the attic.

He's not alone.

You sleep now, and don't think about spooky old attics, you hear me?
I want you to rest.




So, Violet was lurking in the hallways...
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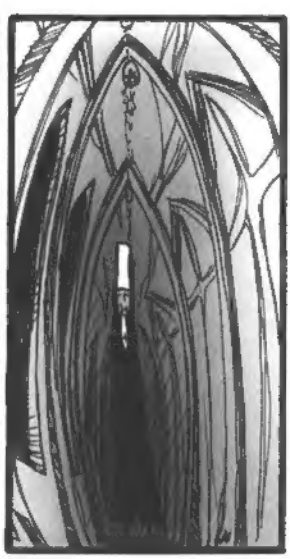
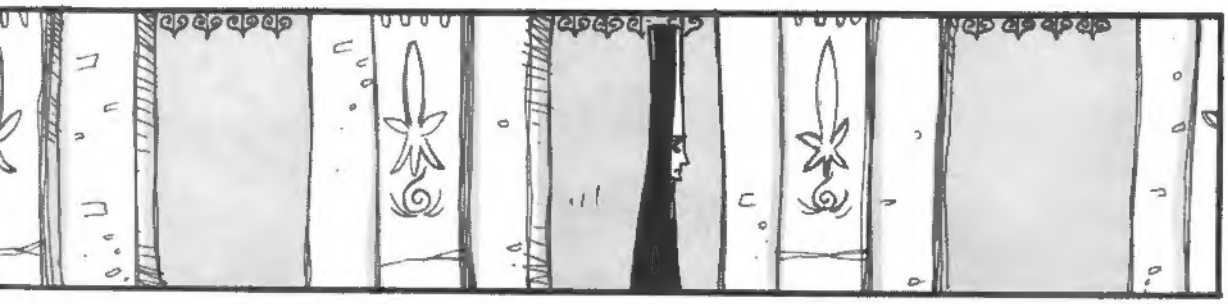
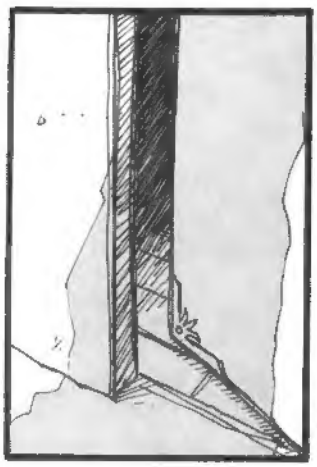
...was she?
Yes, Sister, but...

I shall deal with Violet, Sister. Leave her to me.
NO!
I don't think that's necessary, Sister. Please, let it be!

Goodnight, Sister!







Sister, I think it's time.
I think the baby is coming.

No, my dear.
I think not. It's much too soon.

But it hurts so much!

I will check on you later and see how you are coming along.
Please call if you need me.

CLARK

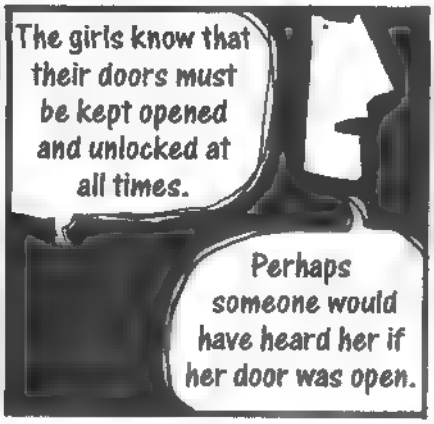
cling...
cling...
cling...

The next day...
Violet, dear, please open the door!
Knock.. Knock..
?
Rattle Rattle
Oh my goodness!
Crash
!!!

Violet!

What's going on here, Sister?

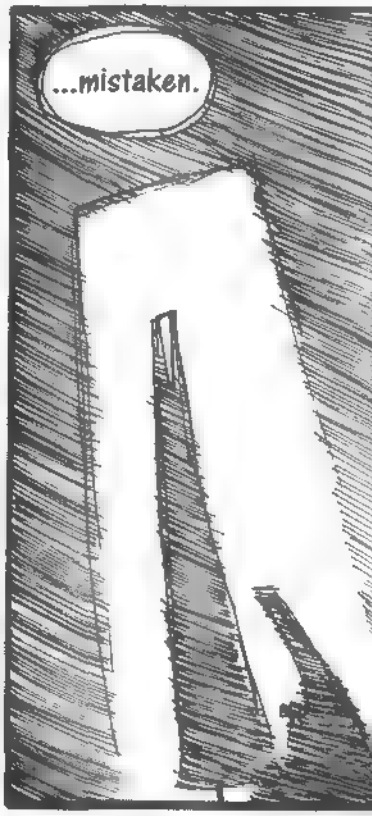
Violet!
She's dead! She was locked in her room.


The girls know that their doors must be kept opened and unlocked at all times.
Perhaps someone would have heard her if her door was open.

But it was locked from the outside, Sister.

Only you and I have keys to these doors...
...and I certainly didn't lock the door on the poor creature.

Did you?
Of course not! I must... I must have been...


...mistaken.

Oh my God!

Child!
Do not take the Lord's name in vain!

GASP

I had the worst nightmare!
I dreamt that there was a horrible monster in the attic!

You have quite the imagination, my dear.
Where did you get a notion like that?

You never told me that. You must have dreamt it, dear.
I told you last night. Violet thinks there is something evil up there.

Now, I want you to sleep.
Don't think about spooky old attics or monsters, dear. Do you hear me? I want you to rest.

That's what you said in my dream...
Where is Violet? I want to see her.

She's resting, dear...
...as you should be.

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NO!
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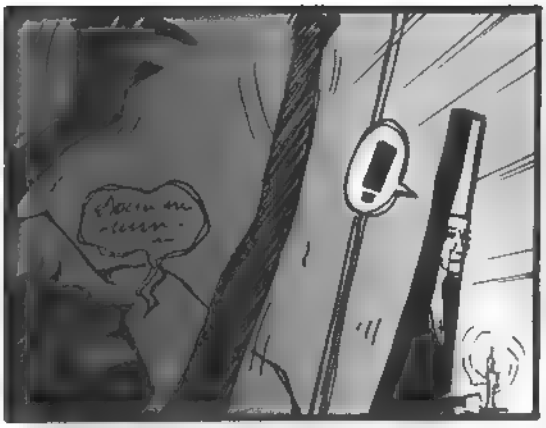
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FANG

Dominique! Wake up!

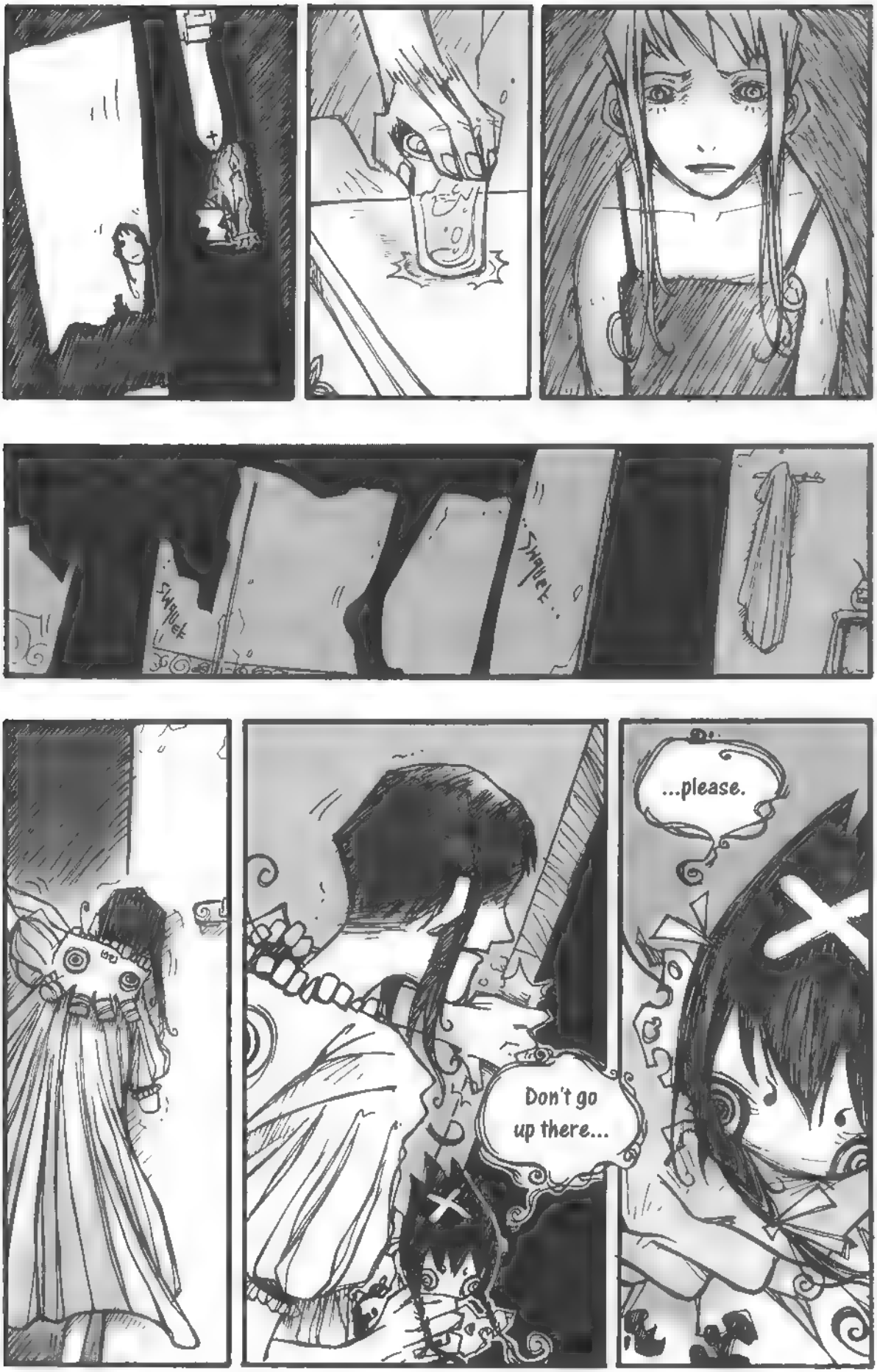
Gasp

Oh, Sister! It was horrible!

You are leaving this place the day after tomorrow.
Please try to put this out of your mind.

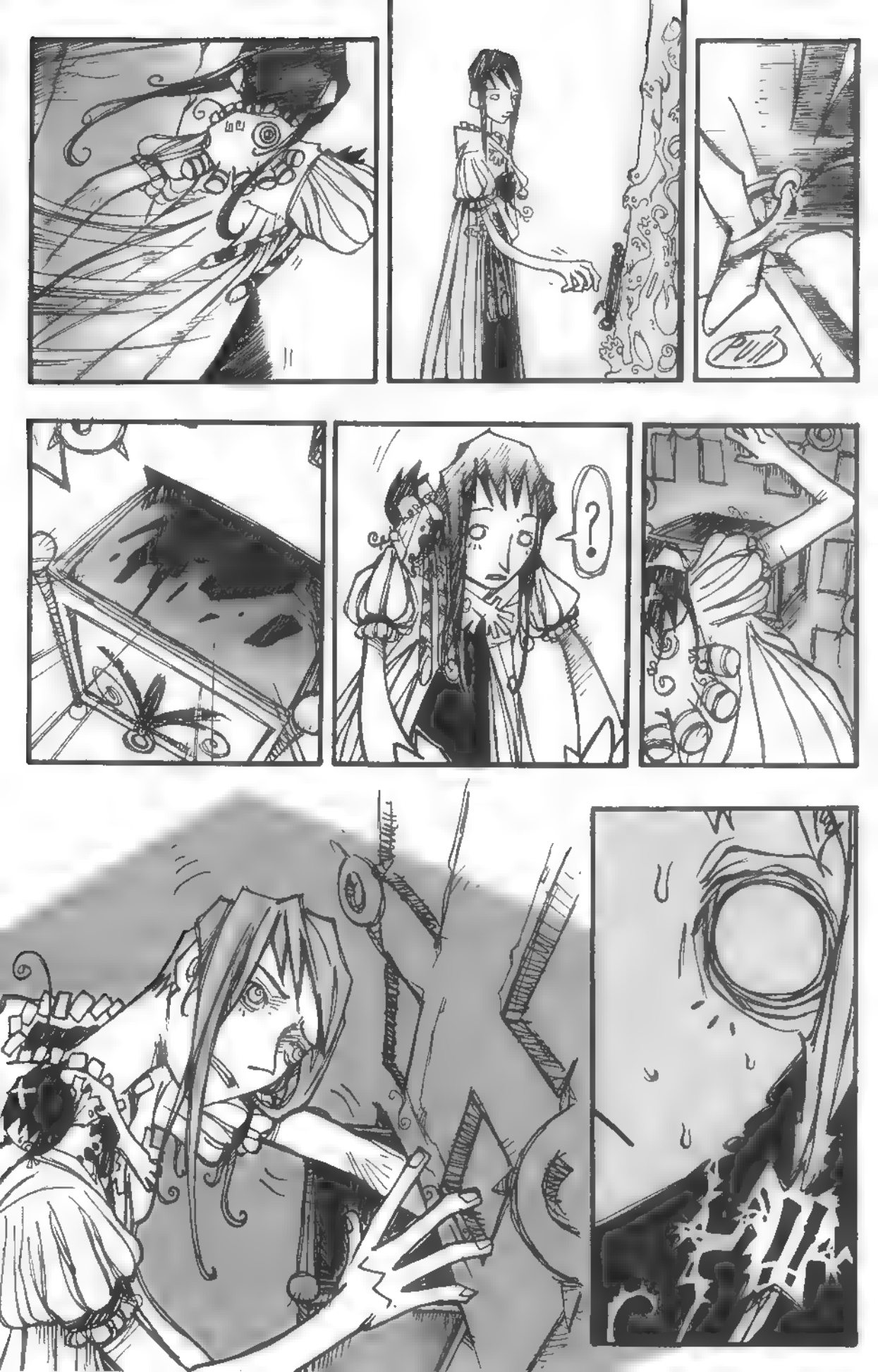
Go back to sleep.

I will be back a little later to check on you.


Swallow
Swallow
...please.
Don't go up there...

This is just like my dream!
.....
Aaahrrgg!
TAK... TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
Someone is coming.

TAK...
TAK...
TAK
TAK
Wha...?!
TAK...
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
... ...


PUM
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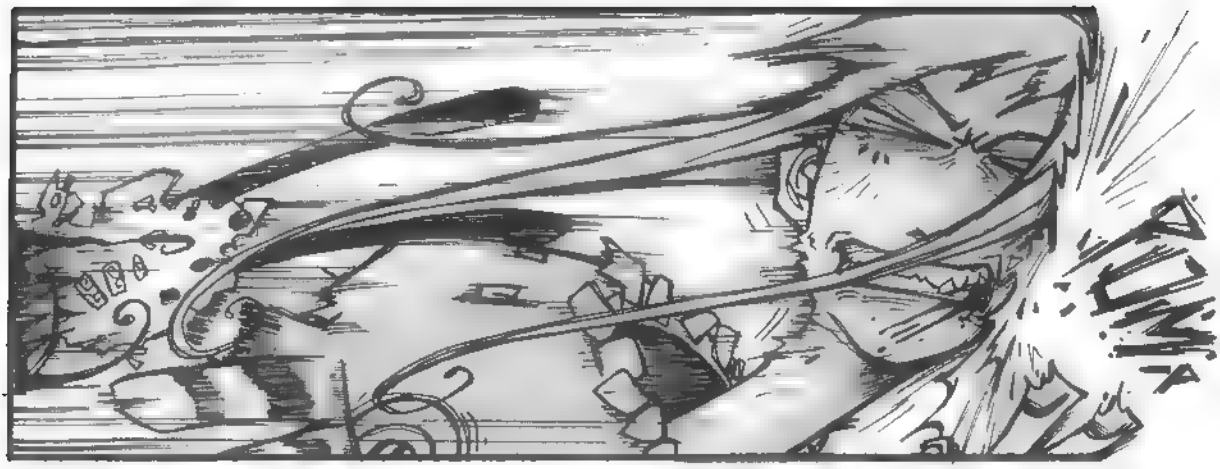
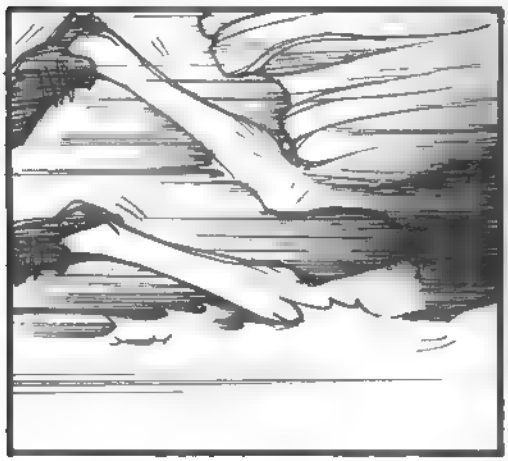
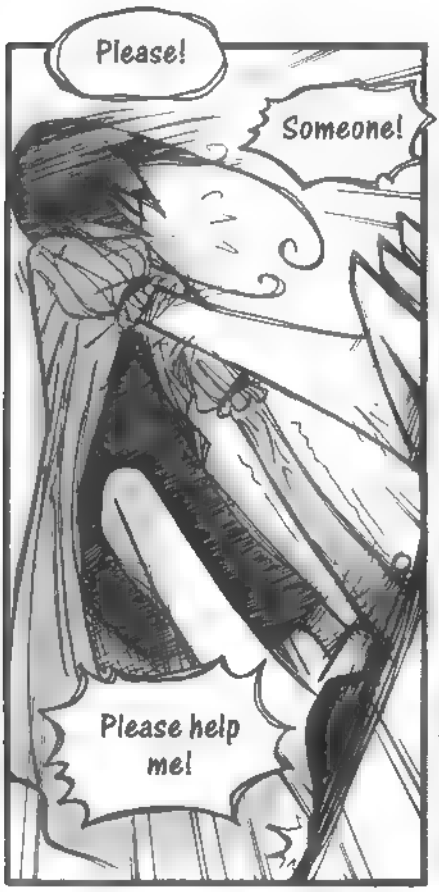




Let...
...go of me!

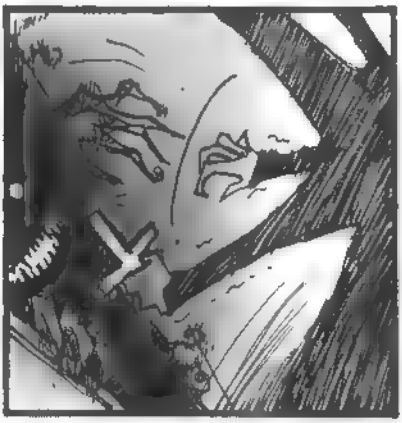

Please!
Someone!
Please help me!

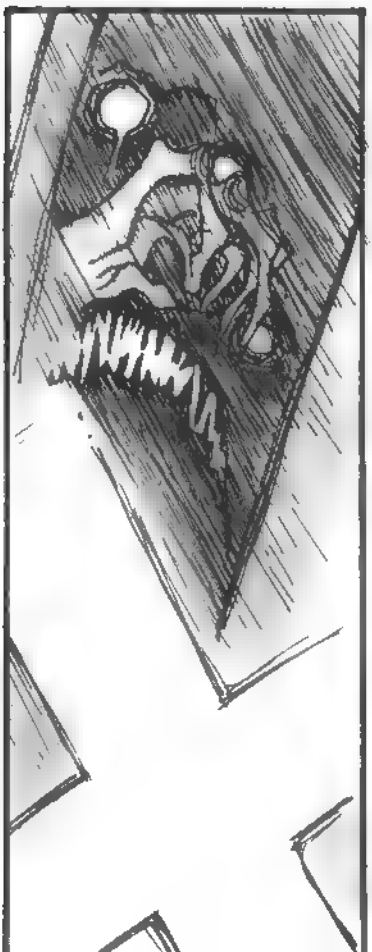
SPAT

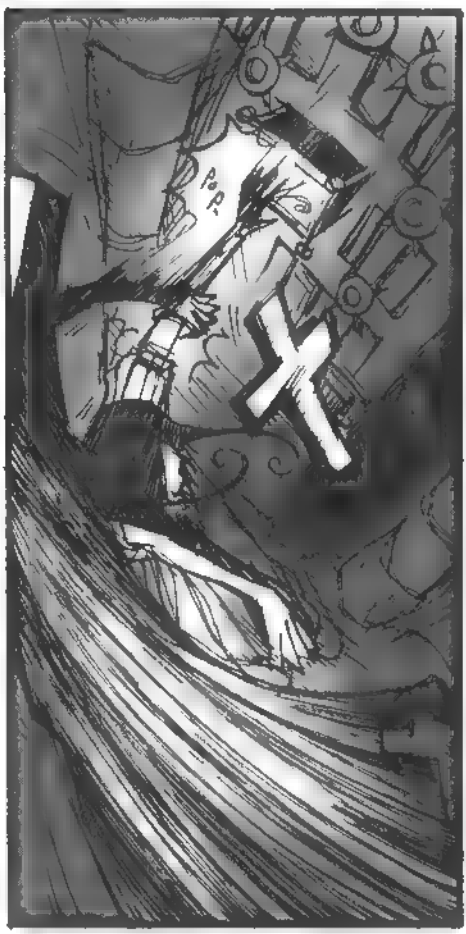
Dominique!

NO!

Open!

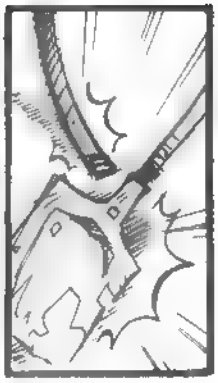





Pop

WAM!

Oh, Dominique.
You poor dear.
Give me the key.
!
You don't mean...?
There is no alternative. She will be one of them within the hour.
You can't lock her in there with those monsters!
It has been done before. She must be with them now – there is no other choice!
I can't bear to think of her with them!
I will take her to the cemetery and put her in the earth myself.
So be it.
... ...



... ...
Where are you taking me?

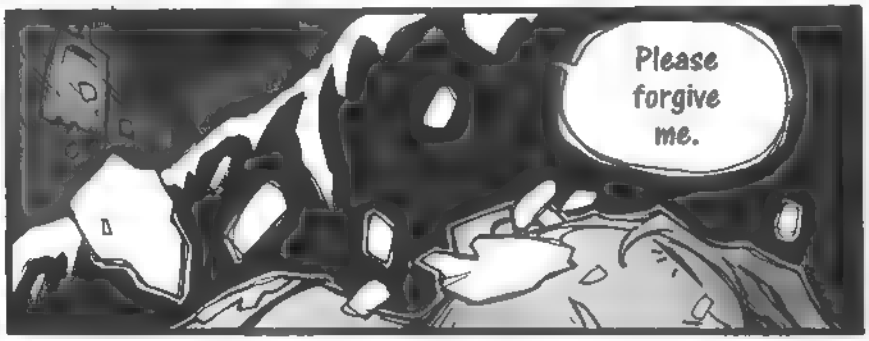
To your rest, child.
You will be safe here.

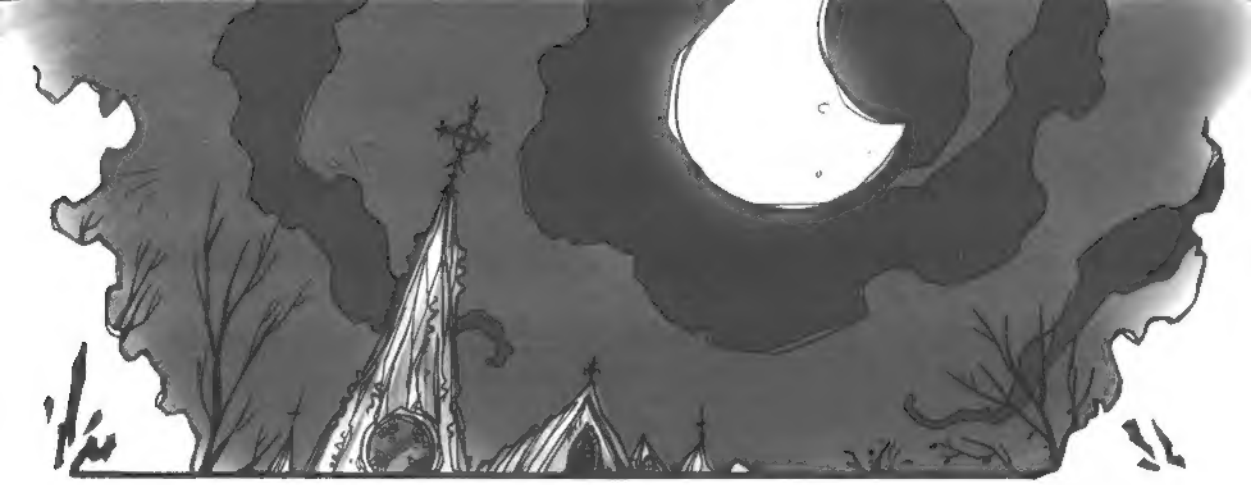
I don't feel well, Sister.
Lie down right here, dear.
I'm sick. I'm so sleepy...

Thank you for protecting me, Sister.
That's right, rest right here.

PUSH

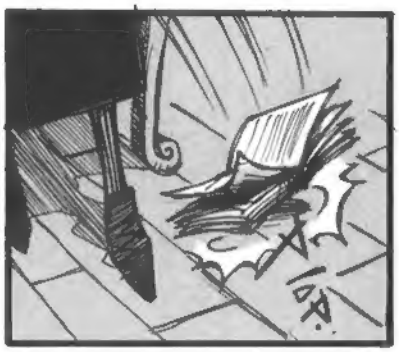
I'm sorry, child.


Please forgive me.



She is resting in the earth.
Then you killed her.

I covered her with earth.
She will suffocate while she sleeps. I wanted to be merciful.



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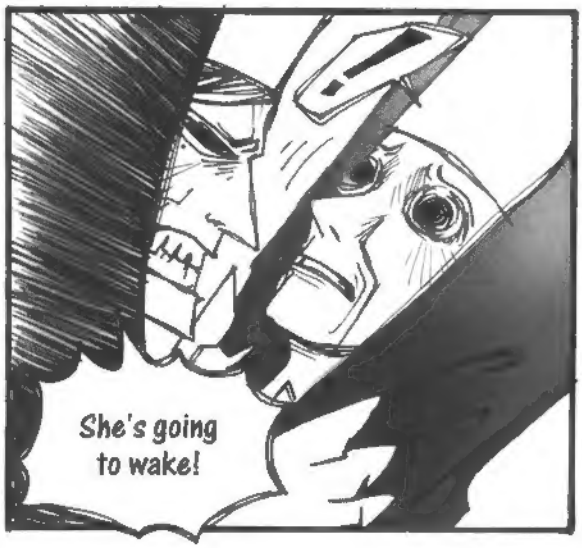
You foolish old woman!


She's going to wake!

Come with me...
NOW!

She's gone!
...Good Lord, what have I done?

Nightmares and Fairy Tales issue #4 - February 2003!

Nightmares & Fairy Tales issue #4 features the haunting fairy tale *The Enchanted Mirror*, written by Serena Valentino and beautifully illustrated by FSc.

Sitting in the graveyard that Dominique left her in, Annabelle remembers the story of Snow White—but not quite the way you remember it. With the help of an enchanted mirror, an evil and ugly queen, wanting to be beautiful again, takes the heart of her stepdaughter Snow White in hopes of regaining her beauty. But Snow doesn't die. She wants her heart back and she's willing to do anything to get it.

Please join us for a horrifying installment in this continuing series.

A word -
Hello sweeties!
Well, it looks like the Annabelle doll will be out in December now - not October. Sorry for the delay, but we wanted to make sure she turned out perfect! Thanks so much to all of you that have sent us letters and email letting us know how much you liked the first two issues. We love hearing from you! And don't worry, Nightmares and Fairy Tales IS a continuing series - we still have LOTS more stories to tell! (It seems some of you thought it was a mini-series). We are really excited about issue #4. A spooky-zombie Snow White, a crazy wicked queen, strange forest creatures, a creepy monster that lives in a mirror and bloody hearts - all for you, just in time for Valentine's Day! Eeeek, that's not very romantic, is it? Well... it depends on your point of view, I guess! Oh, and (in case you wanted to know) I was listening to Nina Hagen and drinking coffee while writing this... I think FSc was playing with her kitty in Singapore! Oh, and I saw Nina in concert, here in San Francisco and she was AMAZING!!! Okay, I'll stop my caffeine-induced ramblings now...

Well Darlings, until next time...
Pleasant Dreams,
~Serena & FSc